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OUT OF THE ASHES.

About 10 o'clock on the night of the 8th instant, the Star office, with its entire contents, was totally destroyed by an incendiary fire, which from all accounts started in the last room of the editor, where at the time, was in Chattanooga on court-hands from the Atlanta Exposition. When the fire was discovered, the flames were under such headway, that it was next to impossible to say anything in the doomed building. All was lost— including even the editor's clothing—except such as he wore and had with him in a valise. Unfortunately we had no insurance. As "a burnt child dreads the fire," we will never again be guilty of such an omission. So if the Star office is consumed again, somebody will have to pay something for it. Had we been present, we do not believe the fire would have occurred. But we can't well stay at home always. We had engaged a man to sleep in the office, but he neglected his duty by absenting himself the night of the fire. We first heard the sad news at Tuscaloosa, Ala., whilst scanning the Appeal for some intelligence from the home we had left nearly a week before, and from which we had received no tidings since our departure. It fell upon us as a terrible shock, almost blotting bright-hued hope from our existence. But we soon rallied from this painful state of dependency, resolving with a brave heart and an earnest purpose to begin anew the battle of life upon the ashes of past efforts.

Our hearts have been deeply and tenderly touched by the many kind acts and words of sympathy and encouragement showered upon us by devoted friends in this hour of misfortune. We are of the people, the Star is for the people, and its future rests with the people, coupled with our own humble efforts. We will frankly say to the patrons of the Star that we had to contract a considerable debt to re-establish the paper, and while we believe the friends who generously made the loan will not press us, we will not be content until the last cent is paid, which can easily be done in less than one year, if the paper is liberally patronized and promptly paid. If ceaseless effort and untiring energy can accomplish that result, by the grace of God and the confidence and support of the people, we are determined that this Star shall not be stricken from among the journals of our dearly-loved Mississippi.

THE PROFESSIONAL MEN'S BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION.

This is a new order, the organization of which was suggested by the fact that Gen. W. F. Tucker, of Okolona, an eminent citizen and a prominent lawyer, had died and left his family in rather straitened circumstances. None are admitted but ministers, physicians, lawyers, marshals, sheriffs, clerks of courts, druggists and law, medical and divinity students. Membership is restricted to men under 55 years of age, no medical examination being required, other than questions as to the health of the applicants. The admission fee of \$5 is to be appropriated in deferring the expenses of agents who organize the Association. The annual dues of \$50 are to be used for expenses, and an assessment of \$20 is made upon the death of each member when there is less than \$2000 in the beneficiary fund. The benefit is \$2000. The officers are as follows:

President, J. A. Green, Judge Circuit Court; Vice-President, Wm. M. Ingo, Attorney and Representative; Secretary and Treasurer, G. C. Chandler, U. S. Attorney; Board of Control, Hon. R. A. Hill, U. S. Judge; Hon. C. B. Howry, Attorney and Representative; Gen. W. E. Featherston, Attorney; Rev. J. A. Bowen, Methodist Minister; Rev. C. N. Wood, C. P. Minister; R. M. Young, M. D.; J. M. Taylor, M. D.; Dr. E. Houston, Attorney.

The home office is Corinth, Mississippi, and the Tishomingo Savings Institution is the depository of funds.

The Corinth Herald, from which we glean this information, says the new organization is spreading with unprecedented rapidity.

One commendable feature of President Arthur's message, is his recommendation of monomaniacs and their sympathies with the mounted jaws of India. Such a wise and patriotic feature of the policy of the last administration, is the last

BENJ. H. HALL.

The friends of this gentleman are pronouncing his appointment as Lieutenant of this District, as a great honor. Mr. Morgan, whose name is drawing to a close, Mr. Hall is an able lawyer and a cultured and accomplished gentleman and in every way fitted to grace the high position to which he aspire. Mr. Hall is held in much high esteem by his brethren of the bar and the people of this county, that if the shades of Chancery were left to him, he would be unanimously endorsed. While we cannot forecast the action of men, Lowry, we believe he cannot find a man in this District more acceptable and capable, or one who will discharge the duties of the position with more stability, earnestness and satisfaction than our esteemed townsmen.

The bar of this county is one of the ablest in the State, and we respectfully submit to the new Governor that now is a good time to recognize the claims of old Panola, in the judiciary appointments. We do not remember that any citizen of this county has been appointed such a position since the war, while one of our neighboring counties has a Supreme Judge, a Chancellor and a Circuit Judge. As all the judicial capacity of this District is not confined to one locality, we think these honors should be more impartially distributed.

HON. R. H. TAYLOR.

The Vicksburg Herald, Water Valley Record, Crystal Springs Monitor, and perhaps, other papers, have favorably mentioned this gentleman for appointment as Judge of the Third Judicial District.

Mr. W. A. Henry, of the Yazoo Sentinel, will soon start a paper, the Review, at Paulding, Jasper county.

Mr. B. C. Sims, of Aberdeen, has a white Otter skin brought by him from the western part of the State.

During the months of October and November, \$41,000 were paid into the State treasury for State lands.

Two young ladies have bought five acres of land in Corinth, Miss., with a view of raising mulberry trees.

Prohibition petitions to the Legislature are being circulated and signed by nearly everybody in Corinth.

Fourteen hundred German carp of three varieties have been distributed in the section of country around Corinth.

A wagon-load of thirty or forty bushels of peanuts were sold in Aberdeen last week at seventy-five cents a bushel.

Some carp that were placed in a pond at Holly Springs two years ago, now weigh from twenty to twenty-five pounds.

In the case of Nick Cubit, of Yazoo county, who killed his mother-in-law, the jury returned a verdict of manslaughter.

Rewards amounting to \$1400 are offered for the arrest of D. B. Archibald, who killed Ewing McAfferty, July 8th at Chester, Choctaw county.

Two ladies are candidates for State Librarian—Miss Mary Sawyer, of Baldwin, and Mrs. Moranay, of Jackson, the present incumbent.

A mad dog was on the rampage in Handshor last week. He tore a turkey and a goat in pieces but was killed before doing any other damage.

S. E. Ragland, of Lafayette, county, has shipped lately 500 bushels of turnips, grown on the same land from which a crop of corn had been gathered this year.

At the recent meeting of the Grand Lodge of colored masons in Canton, the members and officers presented the grand master, Rev. Thos. W. Stringer, of Vicksburg, 12th System in its Effecton School Work.

13th, It is the duty of the State to see first that its Common Schools are properly supported.

Gen. Smith, the State Superintendent of Education, publishes a card in the last issue of the Clarion, stating that parties attending the State Teachers' Association will be charged as follows: C. St. L. & N. O. R. R., M. & C. R. R., M. & O. R. R., and V. & M. R. R., three cents a mile going and coming, M. & T. R. R., full fare going, and returned or presentation of certificate of attendance, at half rates.

Guiteau is still busy making a clown of himself and a farce of his trial, while the judges, jury, lawyers and audience look on with mingled feelings of wonder and admiration. To our mind it is a debatable question whether the assassin is a crack or a knave. Whatever the result of the trial may be, Guiteau's death is only a question of time, and a very short time, too. Whether acquitted, or confined for life in a mad-house, or in the case of Cain in the older time, every man's hand will be against him.

This year the Georgia cotton mills on an average, are realizing nearly 14 percent on the money invested. Mississippi should make up to hold four miles where she now lies low. She raises more cotton than any other State, and she makes a fine product, which goes to the market in all the

STATE BIFTS.

Minerville, Jackson county, is to have a factory.

The Legislature adjourned Tuesday, Jan. 2d 1881.

The late grand jury of Tipton county, found 99 indictments.

Nearly every town in the State will have one or more Christmas trees.

During last month Batties received \$140 in tax on the drama mat.

C. M. King, of Harrison county, killed two deer the other day at one shot.

A branch of the Irish Land League is to be organized in Memphis.

Within the past six months 75 heads of cattle have been stolen in Kemper county.

A reward of \$1000 is offered for the arrest of the murderer of the Walker brothers.

A council of the American Legion of Honor was organized in Jackson last week.

The Crystal Springs Knights of Honor have contributed \$600 to the poor of that place.

James E. Robinson is to be hung at Carrollton, Jan. 18th, for the murder of W. M. Adair.

The late circuit court of the Water Valley district sent two convicts to the penitentiary.

The Wafer Valley Courier will be moved to Memphis and converted into a Presbyterian paper.

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